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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN RESOURCES

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 31, 2020

TO: Mac Warner
Secretary of State

FROM: Bill J. Crouch, Cabinet Secretary *BJC*
Department of Health and Human Resources

**RE: Batterer Intervention and Prevention Programs Licensure Standards
W. Va. C.S.R. §191-3**

The Family Protection Services Board of the Department of Health and Human Resources requests that W. Va. C.S.R. §191-3 be temporarily suspended in part effective immediately pursuant to W. Va. Code §15-5-6(c)(7) and the State of Emergency declared by Governor Justice on March 16, 2020.

W. Va. C.S.R. §191-3 establishes and sets forth the licensure requirements for Batterer Intervention and Prevention Programs. Strict compliance with the following will hinder necessary action in coping with the emergency declared by the Governor:

W. Va. C.S.R. §191-3.10.a. – requiring Batterer Intervention and Prevention Programs to hold 32 in-person sessions with each session including at least 90 minutes of instruction time.

If granted, the Family Protection Services Board further requests that the rule be suspended as described above until such time as the State of Emergency is lifted.